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July 30, 1993

Kevin Walker
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Moab, Utah 84532

Dear Mr. Walker:

Re: Mining Activities, Section 16, Township 41 South, Range 20
East, S.L.B.M.

Thank you for your letter of July 20, 1993, concerning unauthorized mining activity at the location noted above. Our field inspection confirmed that approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ acre has been disturbed.

We contacted the person responsible for creating the disturbance and a Notice of Intent to conduct Small Mining activities under the Utah Minerals Regulatory Program has now been properly filed. The filing of a properly completed Notice of Intent for disturbances of less than five (5) acres does not require Division approval, but does bind the person signing the notice to conduct mining operations and reclaim the mining-related disturbances according to the performance standards prescribed by the rules of the Utah Minerals Regulatory Program.

My staff has contacted the Division of State Lands and Forestry, who indicates that an application for a limestone lease including the areas disturbed is being processed.

I appreciate your calling this matter to my attention. The Minerals Regulatory Program covers mining activity on all fee, state, USFS, and BLM lands in Utah, so information on mining activities from multiple sources helps us implement the program.

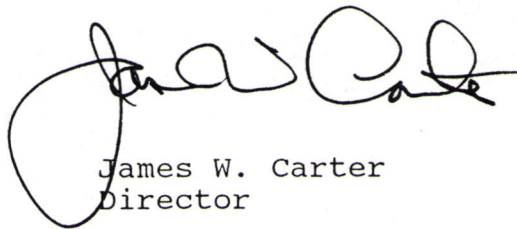
Your letter requested that this matter be referred to the State Land Board for further action. I will forward your letter and this response to Scott Hirschi, Director of State Lands and Forestry, for his review. In the meantime, you may wish to address this request directly to him.



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If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me or Wayne Hedberg, our Minerals Permit Supervisor.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Carter', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

James W. Carter
Director

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cc: S. Hirschi, SLF
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